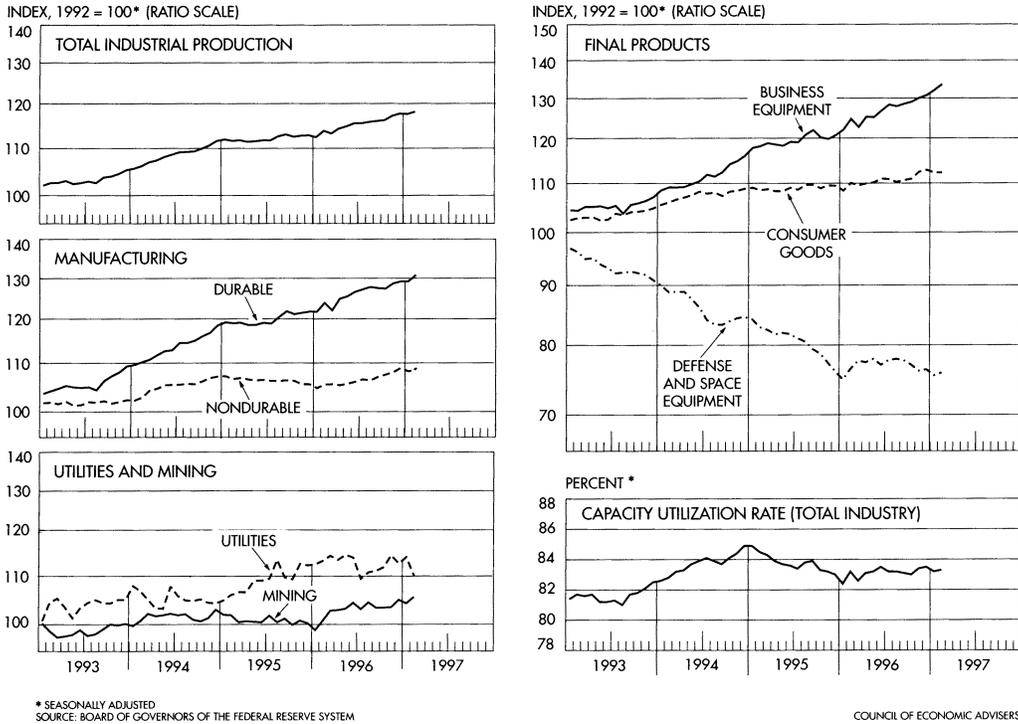


PRODUCTION AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND CAPACITY UTILIZATION

Industrial production rose 0.5 percent in February. Capacity utilization rose slightly.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted]

Period	Total industrial production			Industry production indexes, 1992=100					Capacity utilization rate, percent ²	
	Index, 1992=100	Percent change ¹		Manufacturing			Mining	Utilities	Total industry	Manufacturing
		From preceding month	From year earlier	Total	Durable	Nondurable				
1987	93.1	.....	4.6	92.8	92.0	93.8	101.5	89.4	81.3	81.3
1988	97.3	.....	4.4	97.1	98.1	96.0	102.9	93.9	83.9	83.8
1989	99.0	.....	1.8	99.0	100.5	97.3	101.5	97.1	84.0	83.6
1990	98.9	.....	-.2	98.5	99.0	97.9	103.7	98.3	82.3	81.4
1991	96.9	.....	-2.0	96.2	95.5	97.0	101.6	100.4	79.2	78.0
1992	100.0	.....	3.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	80.4	79.5
1993	103.4	.....	3.4	103.7	105.5	101.7	98.9	103.9	81.6	80.8
1994	108.6	.....	5.0	109.4	113.4	105.0	101.5	105.3	83.7	83.1
1995	112.1	.....	3.3	113.2	119.7	106.2	100.9	109.1	83.8	83.1
1996 ^r	115.2	.....	2.8	116.3	125.7	106.3	103.0	112.8	83.1	82.1
1996: Feb	113.8	1.3	1.9	114.8	123.6	105.3	100.8	113.3	83.2	82.2
Mar	113.2	-.5	1.4	113.9	121.8	105.4	102.8	114.4	82.6	81.3
Apr	114.3	.9	2.6	115.2	124.6	105.2	102.9	113.5	83.1	82.0
May	114.8	.4	2.9	115.7	125.2	105.5	103.2	114.6	83.2	82.0
June	115.5	.6	3.3	116.4	126.3	105.9	104.4	114.0	83.5	82.3
July	115.5	.0	3.4	117.0	126.9	106.4	103.1	109.4	83.2	82.4
Aug	115.8	.3	2.9	117.2	127.5	106.2	104.5	110.8	83.2	82.3
Sept	116.0	.1	2.6	117.4	127.2	106.9	103.4	111.1	83.1	82.1
Oct	116.2	.2	3.3	117.6	127.1	107.4	103.4	111.9	83.0	82.0
Nov ^r	117.2	.8	4.0	118.5	128.4	107.9	103.5	114.5	83.4	82.4
Dec ^r	117.7	.4	4.4	119.2	128.9	108.8	105.0	112.7	83.5	82.5
1997: Jan ^r	117.6	-.1	4.6	118.9	128.9	108.1	104.3	114.1	83.2	82.1
Feb ^p	118.1	.5	3.8	119.8	130.5	108.5	105.6	110.1	83.3	82.5

¹ Percent changes based on unrounded indexes.

² Output as percent of capacity.

Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.